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Program Officer
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National Science Foundation

Dear NSF Program Officer,

I have read the *Computer Science Access and Opportunity Initiative (CSAOI)* proposal from Kelvin Sung for the NSF S-STEM program regarding recruiting and engaging Game-Themed Computer Science (GTCS) scholars in Computer Science discipline.

I am a faculty member at Shoreline Community College. Though I teach physics, I am currently the main CS adviser on campus. Many of our students apply and transfer to the Computing and Software Systems (CSS) division at University of Washington Bothell. I have noticed an increase in interest in CS at my institution over the past two years, especially among female students. Some of our students, especially those who do not have access to technologies when they were young, lack confidence and do not understand their potential in pursuing Computer Science as a major. Much of my role as an adviser is to encourage them as they progress and help them to understand the tremendous career potential in CS.

I am excited by the CSAOI proposal and should the proposal be successful, I am committed to working with Professor Sung in identifying potential GTCS scholars and connecting these students with the project such that the students can begin exploring Computer Science as a major earlier in their academic career.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie J. Diemel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'S'.

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